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Fourth Evangelistic Mission to Alaska
October 16 to 30, 1958

Place: Chapel-by-the-Lake, Auke Bay, Alaska

Missionary-Pastor: Rev. Kenneth W. Smith

Visiting Minister: The Rev. J. Raymond Holsey

Where Entertained: manse, nights; Suppers in homes, luncheons, potlucks etc. How Financed by people.

Services:	Attendance	Public Invitation	Professions	Rededications	Personal Visits
Saturday, officers reception	21				
Coffee Hr. & Sunday A.M.	±100				
P.M.	21				
Monday	35				6
Tuesday	42				2
Wednesday	43				2
Thursday	41				8
Potluck supper	56				
Friday service	89				5
Saturday Break.	17				9
Sunday A.M.	77				
P.M.	48			whole group	
Totals	569				32

Finances:

Total offerings received .....$ 83.05 .

Total local expenses .....$ pd. by others

*Contribution to Evangelistic Fund .....$ 83.05 (exc).

Other expenses .....$ - - - - .

Narrative re: preparation for services; evaluation of Mission; recommendation for future, etc. (write on reverse side or attach sheet).

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Date: November 5, 1958 Report completed by: Rev. Kenneth W. Smith

From past years it was felt that publicity should be more on the local level rather than aiming it as the general area of Juneau. For that reason there was more local 'talking it up'. We knew who our special speaker was farther in advance than other years and were able consequently to not only 'plug' the meetings in the bulletin but also to send a letter to the congregation urging that theyb ring their friends. Poster advertising for special speakers has become a very ineffective thing and we felt that only the concern of the church people would be instrumental in bringing others to the services.

Evaluation has been difficult as we've found in other years that the results weren't thoroughtly discovered for months. Though there were no statistical decisions on the part of non church people there were several people who never attend church who did attend and who we feel will be closer to the program of the church and in whose hearts the Holy Spirit was and is working. The whole series of meetings had a different atmosphere about it than during previous years. Previously there had been some hesitation as to the desire for the meetings but this year there was anticipation on the part of the Chapel people.

There seemed to be less calling but more effectual calling. I feel that the fact that he was a minister of a church that was not 'too much larger than ours' had a great bit to do with the success of the services. We have been very fortunate in having good men for the preaching missions. We had more special activities, such as office receptions, coffee times etc. and I think that in the future we will follow the policy of having as many informal get-togethers as possible.

Ken Smith

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Fourth Evangelistic Mission to Alaska
October 16 to 30, 1958

Place: First Presbyterian, Faith Presbyterian and Woodland Park Presbyterian

Missionary-Pastors: Rev. Walkup, Campbell and Weeks.

Visiting Minister: Dr. Lawrence Fisher

Where Entertained: Room: Anchorage Hotel Bd: Members' Homes How Financed: Offerings

Services:	Attendance	Public Invitation	Professions	Rededications	Personal Visits
Sat. eve	50				
Sunday A.M.	500				
P.M.	75				
Monday	25				25
Tuesday	25				35
Women	110				
Wednesday	65				
Thursday	60				
Friday	100				
Saturday	71				
Sunday A.M.	116 147				
P.M.	325	x			
Totals	1,669	1	0	40	60

Finances:

Total offerings received .....$ 240.66 .

Total local expenses .....$ 322.48 * .

*Contribution to Evangelistic Fund .....$ - .

Other expenses .....$.

*Hotel - 85.65
Printing 45.00
Adv. 196.00

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Date: Nov. 20, 1958 Report completed by: Rev. Ralph H. Weeks

This year due to the fact that three of our churches combined for the Preaching Mission there will be three narrative reports. The reports will be the impressionn of each pastor in his particular church. In the Woodland Park Presbyterian Church prayer preparation was started for our Preaching Mission in the month of September. There were three main groups who carried special prayers for the mission as well as several small cell groups and many individuals who carried it daily in their prayers. The organization and planning for the meeting was carried by the strategy committee of the Greater Anchorage area. Committees were set up to handle every phase of the program. As soon as the name of the missioner was received news articles appeared in both of the papers from time to time. Radio and TV appearances were arranged for, appearances at several of the community organizations were set, a special flyer including picture, biographical information and schedule of meetings was prepared and distributed through out the community through the churches. It is my opinion that the general preparation for the Preaching Mission was the best that we had had.

This evaluation is based on my own personal reactions and upon the reactions of members of our church with whom I have discussed the problem. Our missioner is a fine pastor and his messages were enlightening and inspiring. Yet I feel this is not what we needed for our Preaching Mission. We needed a series of messages which were definitely, without question, evangelistic. I realize the value of Christian nuture but at this time we needed definite reawakening. We needed to be moved to a reexamination of what we believe and of the evidence of this belief in our lives. I feel that the purpose of this mission should have been to inspire a minute examination of the foundation upon which we have built our house and not just an inspiration to dust off the pieces of furniture. Here is a comment from one of the members of the church," I feel that the majority of the ministers in this area are, generally speaking, evangelistic in their message. What we needed was someone with a definite evangelistic message which would go deeper than what we are used to." Although our missioner gave us good messages they were not the stirring type that we needed.

It is my recommendation and that of the Session that unless we are definitely able to secure such a speaker it would be better not to participate in such a Preaching Mission again for a year or so. In suggesting this I realize that the benefits of such a mission are at least two fold. One - the immediate spiritual inspiration to the members of the church, the surrounding community and the pastor as we reach out to bring others to Christ. Second is the tremendous value of having the church's stateside to learn on the spot the work of the Board of National Missions in Alaska. However I feel that the prime purpose and the results most desired are found in number one. Since the Board conducts a seminar I feel that there is an opportunity for on the spot learning. I realize that this is a different type of visitation than that of having a minister live with us for a week. Since I feel that the spiritual inspiration should be the most important and since we are not meeting this goal as I see it, my recommendation would be not to have another such Preaching Mission next year.

ALICE GREEN
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TREASURER

Faith Presbyterian Church

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REPORT ON THE 1958 SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK IN ANCHORAGE

Part 1. Planning

I feel that advance planning for the Spiritual Emphasis Week was, in general, inadequate. I share equal responsibility for this failure along with others. The publicity immediately preceding and during the week was adequate insofar as the newspaper advertising and congregational publicity goes, but to my knowledge there was little or no publicity on a mass basis to the unchurched. Likewise there was not an intensive prayer campaign for the mission although this was suggested. Many did not seem to feel any great effort should be made in this direction, partly because it was so late when we made the real arrangements. Although it was discussed in July and recommended that preparation begin, the wheels did not begin turning until mid-September when the name of the preaching missioner was supplied. I felt the trip of Evangelism Area Secretary Dean Lewis was made too late to do much good although it may have prevented us from delaying any longer.

Part 2. Evaluation

This year's attempt at a united mission did not bear the fruits of increased attendance nor outreach to the unchurched as had been hoped. It appeared that none of the three cooperating churches felt as much responsibility for working on, and attending the services of the week under this arrangement as they had when each church had its own mission. To me the most valuable part of the week was in the calling impetus given our churches. There were some fine contacts made through these calls. It is unfortunate that we must wait for an outsider to do this calling which we all know is so important.

There is divided feeling among the Session as to the Evangelistic content of the mission. Probably this can best be explained as showing the need for clearly defining the purpose of these Spiritual Emphasis Weeks. I became aware this year that there was a degree of uncertainty as to the primary purpose by laity and ministers alike. This struck me hardest when the question was asked a day before the week started, "What do you want done this week?" Somewhere in the communications system the local laymen and ministers, the Department of Evangelism, and the visiting Missioners need to come to a common understanding of this purpose. We can hardly hit a target when we aim at different targets.

Part 3. Recommendations

1. Most of the Session felt that it is not necessary to have the outside missioners every year. It was suggested that it might be well to have a man already known by several church officers so that more advance enthusiasm could be generated.
2. At least some years the week could be devoted to local Visitation Evangelism instead of preaching services.
3. Whatever is done needs to have more organizational structure if the proper preparation is ever to be done. This means primarily in the local area that a group be organized in the spring to carry forth the evangelism week plans. I would still like this to be an inter-church group rather than each church working alone. But it does need much more definite organization of responsibility.

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Fourth Evangelistic Mission to Alaska
October 16 to 30, 1958

Place: HILLCREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Missionary-Pastor: Rev. Paul F. Evans

Visiting Minister: Rev. Floyd W. Ewalt

Where Entertained: Church Families and Manse How Financed Donated by those entertaining.

Services:	Attendance	Public Invitation	Professions	Rededications	Personal Visits
Sunday School	142				
Sunday A.M.	92				
P.M.	25	Yes			25
Monday	10	Instruction and Friendship Calling			25
Tuesday	8	Instruction and Friendship Calling			23
Wednesday	126* 50*	Women's Meeting (Fisher & Ewalt Spoke) Men's Dinner at Faith (Fisher & Ewalt Speaking)			
Thursday	40	Yes			
Friday	38	Yes			
Saturday	cir. 120*	Yes (Fisher & Ewalt Speaking) Invitation by Ewalt.			
Sunday School	151	Yes			
Sunday A.M.	86	Yes	27		
P.M.	cir. 300 *	Yes (Fisher & Ewalt Speaking) Invitation by Ewalt.			
Totals	1188		27**		67

* Denotes Union Service with other Churches

** Denotes only at time of service. Special note on other side.

Finances:

Total offerings received .....$ 29.15 .

Total local expenses .....$ 3.50 .

*Contribution to Evangelistic Fund .....$ 25.65 .

Other expenses .....$ None .

Narrative re: preparation for services; evaluation of Mission; recommendation for future, etc. (write on reverse side or attach sheet).

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Date: Nov. 7, 1958 Report completed by: Rev. Paul F. Evans

This is another milestone in strengthening the Hillcrest Presbyterian Church! After two continuous years following a drop-out due to local problems, this year was certainly something that proved, beyond the shadow of a doubt that such a program can and will strengthen a local congregation. Many wonderful comments have been heard concerning the presentation of this ministry by Rev. Floyd W. Ewalt. We were certainly pleased with his helpfulness in our ministry, and his understanding of our unique ministry helped immensely.

Preparation was again made in advance for this ministry by calling both before the week, and in conjunction with the week (two nites being with instruction by Rev. Ewalt). This has begun a group of a few who are interested and willing to work in Friendship Calling during the year. We are trustung that it will build up as the months proceed, so it will be a help to the further strengthening of our church. Better use of radio and TV plus newspaper publication was used this year, and the "united" effort was stressed, even though we did have two services.

We joined together in various efforts and emphases during the week as indicated by the single asterisk (*) on the reverse side. But the joint effort numerically does not show what the count could have been. It is really low to my estimation. I might say humbly, and without undue pride on our visiting minister, that if we had Dr. Fisher alone on a 4 church wide mission, it would certainly have flopped. Dr. Ewalt was the man that held this Anchorage preaching mission together. No doubt that this will be born out by the reports of the other men. Dr. Fisher never once in our joint times together ever even led close to making a time for decisions or commitments or rededications. He gave wonderful sermons, but left out the "What are you going to do about it? Are you willing to stand up and be counted?"

The messages of Rev. Ewalt were timely and down to earth for our people, and they were just what our people needed. He had plain Bible truths presented in plain language. For his sermons to the congregation, the instruction to our Friendship Callers, His words to our young people at Hillcrest, and all that he did in calling with me were most helpful in a big way to our church.

The dedications shown on the reverse side, and marked with a double asterisk (**) are not the whole story on decisions, or rededications. Since Rev. Ewalt left, seven people have come to me privately three of them to make personal commitments to Jesus Christ as a result of the Spiritual Emphasis Week, and four others for rededication as a result of Spiritual Emphasis Week. So we might add them to the 27 listed on the other side.

Beside the items listed on the reverse side, Rev. Ewalt talked to other groups in the course of the week.

This was a wonderful week, and we are grateful for Rev. Ewalt's ministry to us. We cannot praise him too highly. But other than our getting something from him, we are sure he has gained from this time of being with us that will result in other ways for the Kingdom.

We will no doubt be reaping for a long time the harvest of the seeds sown by Rev. Ewalt.

We are grateful to the Board for arranging this mission again.

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Fourth Evangelistic Mission to Alaska
October 16 to 30, 1958

Place: CRAIG - KLAWOCK

Missionary-Pastor: Rev. D. Robert Van Nest

Visiting Minister: Rev. Raymond M. Touvell of Imperial, Penna.

Where Entertained: Craig Manse How Financed Largely by pastor's family

Services:	Attendance	Public Invitation	Professions	Rededications	Personal Visits
Sunday A.M.	33(Craig)	No		Saturday-8 Sunday - 0	
P.M.	45(Klawock)	Yes			
Monday	27(Klawock)	Yes			9
Tuesday	39(Craig)	Yes			8
Wednesday	32(Klawock)	No			8
Thursday	75(Craig)	No			2
Friday	45(Klawock)	Yes		11	9
Saturday	Day Off				
Sunday A.M.	33(Craig)	Yes	1	15	
P.M.					
Totals	329		1	26	44

Finances:

Total offerings received .....$ 25.06.

Total local expenses .....$ None.

*Contribution to Evangelistic Fund .....$ 25.06. Paid 11/6/58

Other expenses .....$ None.

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Date: 10-27-58 Report completed by: Rev. D.R . Van Nest

This was the best Evangelistic Mission that we have had to date. Our speaker, Rev. Touvell, has adjusted better than any other man we have had. He took everything in his stride. He came down to the level of the people, both in his messages and in his personal attitudes. He was very well liked by all of the people. From the very beginning, he was eager to meet the people, so I didn't have to "persuade" him that he should go visiting like I have had to do before, with other men. All in all, he was a very fine man for our situation.

Our program for the week was as follows:

Sunday, October 19 -	11:15	Worship service in Craig followed by a Coffee Hour
	7:30	Worship in Klawock followed by refreshments
Monday, October 20 -	7:30	Worship Service in Klawock
Tuesday, October21 -	6:00	YOUNG PEOPLE'S NIGHT. Banquet followed by the worship service at 7:30. This was for both Craig and Klawock young people.
Wednesday, October 22	6:00	YOUNG ADULT'S NIGHT. Banquet in Klawock for young adults ~~followed~~ of Craig and Klawock, followed by a discussion on "What is The Church?"
Thursday, October 23-	6:00	FAMILY NIGHT in Craig. Supper followed by meeting.
Friday, October 24 -	6:00	FAMILY NIGHT in Klawock. Supper followe d by meeting. Dedication service.
Sunday, October 26-	11:15	Dedication service in Craig.

In preparation for the week of services, invitations were sent out by mail to all of the people of Klawock. I felt that there weren't enough (if any) people that I could trust to do a little simple form of visitation evangelism by inviting the ones who are not connected with the church. In Craig, however, invitations were not sent via the mail, but the officers and some of the members of the church personally handed the invitation to those who are not members of the Church, and asked them to come to the meetings. This was effective. The young people of Craig and Klawock responded very well to "their" night, as did the young adults. I gambled with them, and didn't know what to expect, but it went well.

I feel that the people here look forwa rd to these meetings, and that they are greatly helped by them. In addition to the decisions for re-dedication, and commitment, there were two young people who were interested in knowing what church membership means, and wanted to join a Communicant's Class.

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Fourth Evangelistic Mission to Alaska
October 16 to 30, 1958

Place: FAIRBANKS FIRST AND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHURCHES

Missionary-Pastor: Victo I. Alfsen and John C. Stokes

Visiting Minister: The Rev. Dr. Wm. J. Wiseman

Where Entertained: Nordale Hotel How Financed offerings

Services:	Attendance	Public Invitation	Professions	Rededications	Personal Visits
Sunday A.M.	250				
P.M.	135			2	
Monday	69				
Tuesday	83		1		
Wednesday	170				
Thursday	60				
Friday	90				
Saturday	19				
Sunday A.M.	78				
P.M.	140		2		
Totals	824		3	2	

Finances:

Total offerings received .....$ 246.13 .

Total local expenses .....$ 81.60 . Need 10/3/58

138.43

*Contribution to Evangelistic Fund .....$ ~~138.43~~ .

Other expenses .....$ 26.10 - Decision Card Printing

81.60
26.10
107.70

246.13
107.70
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Date: October 30, 1958 Report completed by: John C. Stokes

It is the general opinion in both churches that this has been the best week of any of the evangelistic missions. I believe it is good, as long as the College Church is as small a s it is, to combine with the Fairbanks church. Sunday through Tuesday evenings the meetings were in College and between the two churches the attendance comfortably filled the College Church. There is a real advantage to having a number of people present. Wednesday evening we had a combined pot-luck dinner at the Fairbanks church with the biggest crowd of the week present. Many from College went in to this who otherwise would not have gone. It was a real boost to both congregations to be together..

Our missioner was an excellent preacher and helpful in many ways. He spoke each noon at a different service club. Thursday evening he went to the Hospitality House and spoke with the girls a s a group and then individually as they wished to speak with him.

This year we used cards and had everyone present sign a card every night. Sample card is attached. X Though there was only one clear cut decision the cards gave us many active leads to follow up...people not members etc.

Though we have discussed whether or not to continue these preaching missions I am again undecided. Before this week I felt that we should try something different. Now I do not know. I would like to try again with a man with emphasis on Bible teaching...exposition of a book or Biblical bases for some of the main doctrines of our Church.

Esther Kanock 1406 Airport Rd.
✓ I want to become a christian.
member of Orthodox Church in Aurora.
Card sent by 711 to George Betts.

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Fourth Evangelistic Mission to Alaska
October 16 to 30, 1958

Place: Haines, Alaska

Missionary-Pastor: Henry D. Hartmann

Visiting Minister: John C. Marvin, Denton, Texas

Where Entertained: Manse How Financed privately

Services:	Attendance	Public Invitation	Professions	Rededications	Personal Visits
Sat. P.M.	15	Officers			
Sunday A.M.	150	Morning Worship			
P.M.	25	Women's Association			
Monday					
	20	Haines House, Children			
Tuesday	20	Haines House, Youth			
	15	Haines House, Supervisors & staff			
Wednesday	30	Men's supper meeting, catered			
Thursday					
Friday	90	Family Night Supper			
Saturday					
Sunday School	20	Senior class			
Sunday A.M.	160	Morning Worship			
P.M.	46	Westminster Fellowship			
Totals	571				20

Finances:

Total offerings received .....$ none beyond regular Sunday offering

Total local expenses .....$ none. Suppers on 'dutch treat' basis.

*Contribution to Evangelistic Fund .....$ #5. OMC. 11/3/58 EJ

Other expenses .....$ none.

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Date: 11/3/58 Report completed by: HHartmann

All comments from the field indicate this was a popular and successful Mission. Mr. Marvin was excellent at grasping situations and understanding people. His messages were to the point, and his personal contacts with individuals should also have some long-lasting results.

The final results of such a visit cannot be shown in a report like this. I am confident that the next ten or twelve months will prove that Marvin spoke to the heart of many people.

The final form of the Mission was worked out with Mr. Marvin in advance. Our first plan had been somewhat different, and less broad-cast. We still think that his message and personality would have produced some very tangible results in a mission to a small selected group of prospects, but even altered to cover the whole spread of the church, the Mission was a real and vital appeal to our people.

Last-minute plans were discussed with Mr Marvin after he arrived on Saturday, at a supper meeting at the Halsingland, from which only one officer was absent. A program for visitation and friendship evangelism was discussed as a follow-thru of the week of the Mission. The pattern for the week, as carried out, included:
Sunday: Visitation in the Sunday School, informally. Preaching at morning service, with Klukwan people coming in for the service. Afternoon, an officers' meeting, going over the names on the Responsibility List. Evening, supper with the Women's Association Executive Committee, and a talk to the Association.
Monday was spent in getting acquainted with the area, with some visitation. Though not indicated on the reverse side, he made about 20 calls, perhaps more, during the week. About half were interviews with staff and young people at Haines House; of the others, some were made with me, others on his own and by appointment.
Tuesday was spent in some degree at Haines House. He had supper there, and spoke to two groups, the younger children and the older ones.
Wednesday night the men of the church and their guests met with him at the Cove Grill, for supper and a talk. (I was not present here due to Presbytery duties in Juneau overnight) He also visited the choir rehearsals and led recreation for Junior Fellowship
Thursday, on my return from Juneau, our family drove with him up into the pass as far as we could make it without chains, for a glimpse of the mountain area.
Friday night, a potluck supper brought a record group of adults and children out. Marvin spoke to the adults and older young people on the Christian family, while the smaller children were taken elsewhere for a recreation program.
No church activities were planned for Saturday. Marvin continued his interviews with Haines House personnel. In the evening we attended the local high school Carnival.
The Second Sunday, since I had to leave before church to start my flight to Seattle for the Regional Camp & Conference training session, John Marvin took over the whole program. He spoke to the Senior group in Sunday School on Christian Marriage, and led the morning worship service (Klukwan people were again present). A visit to Klukwan was scheduled for the afternoon, and in the evening he spoke to the Haines W.F. groups at a supper meeting.

In retrospect, there is hardly a person in the whole constituency of the church who did not have the chance to be in contact with the missioner not only at the morning worship on each Sunday, but at another meeting during the week. At least 200 different individuals are represented in the total volume figures plus the visits.

The next step should be the development of a visitation evangelism program, with training on the order of the old 'New Life' movement.

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Place: Hydaburg, Alaska

Missionary-Pastor: Rev. Paul A. Moyer

Visiting Minister: Rev. William A. Smith, Meadville, Penna.

Where Entertained: Manse How Financed Private donations & Off.

Services:	Attendance	Public Invitation	Professions	Rededications	Personal Visits
Sunday A.M.	22				
P.M.	55				
Monday	45				8
Tuesday	90				9
Wednesday	40				8
Thursday	40	yes			
Friday	35				9
Saturday	55	yes		45	9
Sunday A.M.	40				
P.M.					
Totals	422	twice		45	43

Finances:

Total offerings received .....$ 79.00.

Total local expenses .....$ 20.20.

*Contribution to Evangelistic Fund .....$ 30.00.

Other expenses .....$ 5.00.

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Date: Oct. 31, 1958 Report completed by: Rev. Paul A. Moyer

Our personal reaction to the Evangelistic mission this year was much more enthusiastic than the past year. Perhaps last year the Pastor himself, was too new in the field to forcefully approach the whole program. But this year with a full acquaintance of the community, a much warmer response was felt through the entire effort. We were most warmly received in all of the homes, and felt that almost every contact was a worthwhile one, even though sometimes there was no evident response. In some cases we were almost surprised to find the folks willing to talk about the Church and its work.

The response to the services, too, was warm. Many of the people were faithful to attend every service.

One of the factors that was favorable for us this year was the fact that we knew the visiting Preacher. The invitation was extended to him at our suggestion. And our suggestion was made on the basis that we felt that he would do a very good job among our people. It seems that there is wisdom in this that helps to eliminate the problem of 'misfits' that has been known in a few cases in the past. Then, too, the fact that one knows the visiting preacher eliminates the 'get acquainted' period for the preachers, and permits them to get down to immediate work.

In addition to the regular nightly services we had the following groups together in informal coffee hours:

Junior & Junior Hi Party	35 present
Church Officers & Teachers	12 present
Mariners	14 present

On Saturday night, our closing night, we observed the Sacrament of Holy communion as part of the service, expressing the challenge that to come to the Table was to rededicate one's life to Christ.

On the basis of this year's experiencecour vote is stronger to continue this type of program in future years.

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Fourth Evangelistic Mission to Alaska
October 16 to 30, 1958

Place: Juneau, Alaska, Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1003-10th & B.St.

Missionary-Pastor: Walter A. Soboleff

Visiting Minister: Harry R. Mercer

Where Entertained: Manse How Financed Offering

Services:	Attendance	Public Invitation	Professions	Rededications	Personal Visits
Sunday A.M.	110	yes			6
P.M.	50				
Monday ~~Club~~ Lion's	16				
Tuesday	39	yes			5
Wednesday	64	yes			8
Thursday	37	yes			6
Friday	27	yes			7
Saturday	69	yes			9
Sunday A.M.	85	yes		2	4
P.M.	30	yes			
Totals	527				45

Finances:

Total offerings received .....$ 40.92 .

Total local expenses .....$ 28.92 Cash 11/3/58

*Contribution to Evangelistic Fund .....$ 12.00 .

Other expenses .....$.

Narrative re: preparation for services; evaluation of Mission; recommendation for future, etc. (write on reverse side or attach sheet).

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Date: 30 Oct 1958 Report completed by: W. A. SOBOLEFF W. A. Soboleff
1003 10th & B St.
Juneau, Alaska

We feel that this venture in the Evangelistic Mission will continue to be a source of inspiration to our congregation. This event was timely in that many of our members had just returned from the season's work and were getting settled for the winter; youth had gone back to school and were in long enough to be settled as now give time for active church work and thus many came out in choral preparation for this 'mission.'

The enclosed program will indicate the coverage we sought for this congregation. Besides the choir, at least 12 laymen took active part in the worship services. The two Sunday sermons were radio broadcasts; visitations were made to the city jail, hospitals, and homes.

I believe the highlight of this mission was the breakfast held in our church for officers of the three churches of this area. Both visiting pastors spoke words of challenge. Here with nearly 48 present we felt a spirit of rededication was experienced for the advancement of His Kingdom.

We pray that we may have the opportunity of another such mission in 1959.

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Fourth Evangelistic Mission to Alaska
October 16 to 30, 1958

Place: Ketchikan, Alaska

Missionary-Pastor: Paul F. Moser

Visiting Minister: Robert Caldwell

Where Entertained: Church How Financed Offerings

Services:	Attendance	Public Invitation	Professions	Rededications	Personal Visits
Sunday A.M.	81	yes	Silent		
P.M.	15				
Monday	11				4
Tuesday	15				2
Wednesday	11				2
Thursday	24				3 homes 11 hospital
Friday	14				3
Saturday					
Sunday A.M.	86	yes	Silent		
P.M.	37				
Totals	294				25

Finances:

Total offerings received .....$ 26.68 .

Total local expenses .....$ 36.00 . Church will make up difference.

*Contribution to Evangelistic Fund .....$ 0 .

Other expenses .....$.

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Date: Nov. 4th, 1958 Report completed by: Rev. Paul F. Moser

Narrative on Evangelistic Preaching Mission in Alaska NOV 1 1 1958
Ketchikan 1958

Preperation: We prepared for the mission by announcement from the pulpit, publicity in the church newspaper, and both a small and large advertisement in the local paper.

Speaker: Our speaker this year was the Rev. Robert Caldwell of the United Presbyterian Church of Whittier, California. We felt Rev. Caldwell to not only be a fine person but a very able preacher. His messages were clear, well illustrated, and easy to understand. Many of his sermons were written especially for this mission. Several of the people in the church showed their liking Rev. Caldwell by coming up and inviting him out to eat.

Attendance: The attendance was again very low this year. Only a few people made any real effort to bring their friends. The publicty in the newspapers was read but did not draw people out. Our deacons sent out a mid-week notice to every church member and about 30 prospects but that also did not bring the people out.

Effects:

1. The few people who did come were here almost every night and received real spiritual food.
2. It was a wonderful time of fellowship for myself and I received some good ideas from private conversations with Rev. Caldwell.
3. The new church was helped along as Rev. Caldwell has a background in architecture. He looked over the lot, promised to sketch out a few ideas and send them to us, made some suggestions on plans we had, and told of step by step plaining they followed on their new church.
4. No effort was made to have hands raised for first decisions but home calls were made on prospective new members and several expressed a desire to join the church. One other family who attended the meetings have come to me and asked about making a profession of faith. The effect of the mission will certainly be felt in the weeks to come.
5. I'm sure Rev. Caldwell received a good picture of our church, our people, and our conditions. He comes from the old United Presbyterian Church and should convey new mission information about Alaska.

Misc: The mission was somewhat hurt by having it at the same time as our lend-lease D.C.E. was here. Our people were doing a lot of work in special meetings concerned with Christian Education before the preaching mission, and these were the same people who should have been heading up the evangelism program. We held no christian education meetings during the preaching mission but our people tended to take a "breather".

Our mission might have been more effective if we had done more personal calling instead of having the nightly meetings. But the session felt that we needed the nightly meetings since we didn't have them last year. The elders gave the program good support but we didn't reach many of the unsaved.

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October 16 to 30, 1958

Place: METLAKATLA, ALASKA

Missionary-Pastor: HENRY E. FAWCETT

Visiting Minister: DR. W. RUSSELL GILMORE

Where Entertained: MANSE How Financed

Services:	Attendance	Public Invitation	Professions	Rededications	Personal Visits
Sunday A.M.	58				6
P.M.	215				
Monday	21				5
Tuesday	NO SERVICE – BECAUSE OF DEATH IN COMMUNITY.				
Wednesday	58				8
Thursday	61	YES		11	2
Friday	31	YES			3
Saturday					
Sunday A.M.	61				2
P.M.	261	YES		22	
Totals	766			33	26

Finances:

Total offerings received .....$_____.

Total local expenses .....$_____.

*Contribution to Evangelistic Fund .....$ none

Other expenses .....$_____.

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Date: _____ Report completed by: Henry E. Fawcett

FINANCES: THERE WAS ONLY ONE OFFERING TAKEN... WE USED IT TO PAY FOR FUEL FOR THE CHURCH.

NARRATIVE:

The attendance figures are fairly accurate, as I tried to keep close count as to how many turned out.
The weather was very poor during the week, and I felt that the attendance was very good, inspite of the weather, and other activities that was going on in the Community.
I was very pleased with Dr. Gilmores' messages, he used many illustrations about the early pioneers of Metlkatla, which he read in my books of Alaska, the people were very attentive. And I know that some were challenged. There were several couples out that have not been to church, and now, four weeks later, they are still coming to our services. I don't know for sure if they made any kind of decisions during the meetings.
As one of our Elders said: "This is the first time there was a real spirit of Evangilism during the meetings."

Here are the break downs of the week:

Sunday: We had two services, and had a reception in the evening, honoring the 38th Birthday of the Church, and also a time when the people had a chance to meet Dr. Gilmore.

Monday: Had a Pot Luck dinner for officers of the Church. I felt that this was one of the high lights of the week, many of the problems were aired out, and felt that it was worth while. Dr. Gilmore spoke, and was so well received, that he was asked by the elders to give the same talk again to the rest of the members.

Tuesday: We didn't have services, as there was a death in the community, and it is the costum to have a Consolation Service here, so the members, Dr. Gilmore and I went up to the Other Church for the Services.

Wed: We had a night that we called "Funspération" we had lots of singing, and Dr. Gilmore told some of his experices that he had before he went into the Ministry. The people enjoyed it very much.

Thursday; We had another services and Dr. Gilmore went to speak to the 5th Graders in our school, My wife is teacher, she says that the children enjoyed having him.

Friday: Had another Preaching service. This is the night when the couple came, and have been coming ever since.

Sat. No service.

Sunday: We had both morning and evening services. and he gave an invitation in the evening service. And I know that I didn't get all the hands that went up, but I know that it was around 22.

We made personal visits with members of our church, and those who are shut ins, we also had the terrible accident of losing five lives on a mis-hap on a fishing boat, he had a visit of the widow, and the mothers of the boys.

I feel that Dr. Gilmore fitted in just right with the people, he became one of them, and the people loved him for it. His messages were at their level and no emotional strain.

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Fourth Evangelistic Mission to Alaska
October 16 to 30, 1958

Place: First Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, Alaska

Missionary-Pastor: Rev. Ronald B. Snelling

Visiting Minister: Rev. Robert A. Mills, Seattle Washington

Where Entertained: Manse How Financed By missionary

Services:	Attendance	Public Invitation	Professions	Rededications	Personal Visits
Sunday A.M.	46	no	no	no	5
P.M.	33	no	no	no	coffee hour
Monday	14	no	no	no	20
Tuesday	25	no	no	no	11
Wednesday	31	no	no	no	14
Thursday	27	yes	no	2	10
Friday	37	no	no	no	7
Saturday	no meeting				7
Sunday A.M.	54	no	no	no	
P.M.	41	yes	no	2	coffee hour
Totals	300	2	no	4	74

Finances:

Total offerings received .....$68.25.

Total local expenses .....$(heat-lights)

*Contribution to Evangelistic Fund .....$25.00.

Other expenses .....$2.50 gift.

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Date: Nov. 18, 1958 Report completed by: Ronald B. Snelling

1958 PREACHING MISSION
Petersburg, Alaska

Preparation:

The meetings were set by the Session which wanted more public meetings this year than we had last year. The Session was asked to make the meetings a matter of prayer and encourage people to attend. The Session pledged their support of the meetings.

Newspaper articles were written advertising the meetings and a letter was sent out to all the church mailing list inviting people to attend the meetings.

A coffee hour was held the first Sunday evening as a get-acquainted time, and several people turned out for this.

We visited the shrimp cannery Monday afternoon as that is a good place to contact several people in a short time. And then I took our speaker to Chamber of Commerce in the evening where he met a number of other people.

We called on people every afternoon. Mr. Mills was a very easy person to get acquainted with as he remembers facts about people and then uses that in speaking to them again.

Evaluation of Mission:

I believe that this mission was the best that we have had so far. The attendance held up better than it has before, and people were very attentive night after night. While there was some change in the congregation each night, most of the people came most of the evenings. This is a big change over previous years as people have not come again and again.

The people wanted a church supper, and this drew our biggest attendance.

These things and indications that Mr. Mills spoke directly to the needs of the people. He was quick to get acquainted and learn their needs. After the first two messages he loosened up a lot in his delivery.

Every morning was used for study, and the messages were geared for the people through illustrations, etc. Three or four evenings a Junior sermon or story was told at the beginning of the message. While the number of children present was not high, they liked the special story and their parents got something out of it, too.

Two invitations were given, and 4 people responded with a rededication of their lives. Three of these people were elders, and it was quite a struggle for one to make this step. I am sure that many others made secret decisions and were too timid to indicate this.

The elders suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Session of Mr. Mills' church thanking them for making his trip possible. Some gifts were sent home for Mrs. Mills.

Bob Mills was a easy guest to entertain as he was a college and seminary classmate.

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October 16 to 30, 1958

Place: First Presbyterian Church, Sitka, Alaska

Missionary-Pastor: William H. Gavin

Visiting Minister: Bruce W. Evens

Where Entertained: Manse, lunch and dinner in homes How Financed personal

Services:	Attendance	Public Invitation	Professions	Rededications	Personal Visits
Sunday A.M.	165 155				
P.M.	142				3
Monday	123				5
Tuesday	127				8
~~62-Mt. Edgecumbe High School~~					
Wednesday	141				8
Thursday	135	x			2
Friday	132	x			3
Saturday	Men's breakfast				party Mt. E. and Sitka Hi. 50.
Sunday A.M.	512-Church Dedication. Dr. Jackman preaching				
P.M.	178	x			4
Totals	1870				36.

Finances:

Total offerings received .....$ 129.71 Mtg. — Fri.

Total local expenses .....$ _____

*Contribution to Evangelistic Fund .....$ 100.00

Other expenses .....$ 10.00-gift to speaker

Narrative re: preparation for services; evaluation of Mission; recommendation for future, etc. (write on reverse side or attach sheet).

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Date: Nov. 4, 1958 Report completed by: W. H. Gavin

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SITKA, ALASKA

REV. WILLIAM GAVIN - MINISTER

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The fourth annual preaching mission was led by the Rev. Bruce Evans. Preparations for the mission were similar to previous years. The services were the subject for prayer months before we knew who our speaker would be. The visitation prior to World-Wide Communion Sunday emphasized the meetings and urged attendance and prayer.

Doubtless there were many who received help as the result of Mr. Evans' ministry -- his major contribution seemed to be in the warmth and friendliness afforded members. An obstacle that may have prevented a response was the fact that work parties were conducted each evening in order that the sanctuary might be completed by October 26, however all work stopped during the meeting time and workers joined in the services.

In the course of the week several invitations were given but they were of such a general nature that, if there was a response, we were not able to record it.

Mr. Evans spoke three times daily, had meals in many of the homes and at Sheldon Jackson. A reception was given in his honor following the evening service the first Sunday he was with us, thus enabling him to meet our people. Thursday we had a church family night supper which gave Mr. Evans the opportunity to meet us in a more informal way. Saturday we had a Halloween party for the Sheldon Jackson, Mt. Edgecumbe and Sitka High young people. Mr. Evans spoke at both gatherings. He had interviews with several students while on the S.J. campus.

When corresponding with Mr. Evans I suggested having him speak at several service clubs and to the Sitka Schools but he seemed to feel that would make his schedule a little heavy and so arrangements were not made with these groups for him to speak. He did speak to our Tuesday evening high school group at Mt. Edgecumbe.

Two of Mr. Evans' three speaking engagements each day were broadcast through the facilities of KSEW, one from the studio (Chapel in the Sky), the other from the church. He spoke at the Sheldon Jackson Chapel each morning.

We enjoyed having Bruce Evans as a guest in the manse and trust his stay in Sitka was profitable for him and his church. With the exception of the Oct. 26, Sunday morning service, which was the dedication service for our new church, the attendance figures are estimates. They may be a little high.

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Fourth Evangelistic Mission to Alaska
October 16 to 30, 1958

Place: First Presbyterian Church, Skagway, Alaska

Missionary-Pastor: Richard L. Turner

Visiting Minister: James Cottrell, D.D.

Where Entertained: Manse and homes How Financed Pastor

Services:	Attendance	Public Invitation	Professions	Rededications	Personal Visits
Sunday A.M.	48	No	0	0	2
P.M.	30	No	0	0	0
Monday	5	No	0	0	5
Tuesday	24	No	0	0	6
Wednesday	31	Yes	0	0	7
Thursday	~~102~~ 102	Yes	0	0	8
Friday	34	No	0	0	3
Saturday					
Sunday A.M.	49	Yes	0	0	1
P.M.	~~47~~ 29	No	0	0	0
Totals	196	3	0	0	33

Finances:

Total offerings received .....$ 22.97 .

Total local expenses .....$ 54.75 .

*Contribution to Evangelistic Fund .....$ 00 .

$30.- rec'd 3/1/59 - records concluded; Visiting Fall of 1958 in Skagway Ch

Other expenses .....$ Part of the figure above ($18.75) represents our share of the Sandilands' travel expense since we used them as a part of the Mission

Narrative re: preparation for services; evaluation of Mission; recommendation for future, etc. (write on reverse side or attach sheet).

Sunday & Wednesday Services 5 First

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Date: December 8, 1958 Report completed by: _____

Generally, the response to the Evangelistic Mission this year was the poorest that we have had in Skagway of the three since I have been here. Even the regular church members and attendants did not turn out as they have in the past. The officers and more faithful members have made an effort to be present at every one of the meetings in the past, but no such attempt was made this year. It is difficult to determine the reason.

On the part of the town, there was the Canadian freighter in port Monday through Wednesday but only two of the longshoremen regularly attend the church, so this would not have had much of an effect, on general attendance. There was the conflict with the School Carnival which has fallen during the meetings each year in the past, but this was on a Saturday, and our attendance would have been slim that week night anyway. Otherwise there were few if any conflicting activities.

The preparation for the service was the most thorough that we have had since I have been in Skagway. We had a"saturation" campaign of spot announcements on the radio. Attractive posters were put in most of the public places around town and a general mailing went out to all local box holders. People we were particularly concerned about were visited in advance of the meeting and during the week of the meeting as well. The officers of the church "talked it up" around town then most of them failed to show up themselves during most of the week.

During the week we had a special training session for the men and another for the women in Friendship Evangelism, though no calls were made by lay people through the week. There has been a definite aversion to lay visitation in the Skagway church and this is being slowly overcome. Perhaps during the coming year we will be able to build two or three teams of lay visitors. I personally believe that this is the only answer in Skagway. I also believe that the time of well attended evangelistic meetings is over. The sermons were excellent, and certainly adapted to our situation here. Jim Cottrell was affable, and the people enjoyed getting to know him personally. His sermons were warm, full of illustrations, and certainly hit home to those who came to hear them. Outstanding sermons will not draw a crowd in Skagway. I believe that even Billy Graham could not attract a crowd for more than two nights in succession. Dr. Cottrell was certainly not at fault, and he was not too concerned that the meetings were not better attended.

The high point of the week was the meeting on Thursday with the Sandilands. This was the first time that Skagway had ever had a foreign missionary, and the Sandilands were very well received. As far as I know this was also the first time in the history of the church that we had more people out for the program following a family night dinner than we had for the dinner. This is some sort of a record in itself. Dr. Sandilands fitted very well into the program of the week, and extended an invitation to accept Christ to all those present pointing out that those who had not accepted Him as personal Saviour were just as lost as the black men in darkest Africa. The program that the Sandilands brought was a spiritual lift to all. We were sorry that they were detained and did not get to meet their appointment in Haines due to weather.

As chairman of the Presbytery Committee on Evangelism, and as pastor of the local church it is dificult to make reccomendations. I have received and read copies of the reports from the other churches and generally the Mission could be described as a success, in spite of the lack of results. The reccommendation made by Dean Lewis and Dr. Jackman to the Missioners in Seattle seem to have been taken seriously. In the future these reccommendations (as to simplicity, illustrations, fresh sermons) should be re-emphasized to any missioners participating in this sort of Mission. The general lack of a program of visitation evangelism in all of the churches of the Presbytery (two exceptions), seems to indicate a basic weakness. The task of evangelism cannot be done from the pulpit in Skagway, and probably nowhere else. The minister will always be the key to any successful program of evangelism, but he cannot do it alone, even in the smallest of villages. A hard core of laymen who are concerned about the business of evangelism must be developed. Until this happens we will not be able to reach the people of our parishes in an effective way.

NARRATIVE REPORT FOR SKAGWAY, Continued.

Of the eleven churches which have more or less complete reports for the past two years attendance for the mission is down in five and up in six churches while offerings are down in six and up in five churches. The results of the Mission are not uniform, and the apathy to the mission locally is not reflected in all of the churches. As usual, though the results in terms of professions and re-dedications are not worth mentioning. This is the one thing which is general. It would seem that where the local church is involved in an enthusiastic program the mission met with good success, and that where there were either conflicting programs within the individual church or where the community is not solidly behind the church, the Mission foundered. Certainly the community is not behind the church in Skagway and this may be the answer. When everything is considered, it would certainly seem that a warm enthusiastic program of lay visitation would help every church in our Presbytery, and Skagway would be included in this. A program of this type would be of more worth to our church, and the Presbytery as a whole, it would seem, than the program of the visiting missioners.

To those concerned, I would apologize for the tardiness of this report. I had hoped that the church would be financially able to contribute to the travel fund. Thirty dollars was voted to be paid at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, but the church has not had this much ahead as yet. It will be sent in as the money becomes available. My November salary is still in arrears at the time this report is being made. Also I wanted time to analyze the other reports in hopes of getting some clue as to whether our poor showings in Skagway were general throughout the Presbytery.

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Fourth Evangelistic Mission to Alaska
October 16 to 30, 1958

Place: Utkeagvik Presbyterian Church, Barrow, Alaska

Missionary-Pastor: John R. Chambers

Visiting Minister: Charles Hoffmeister

Where Entertained: Morse How Financed by the resident pastor

Services:	Attendance	Public Invitation	Professions	Rededications	Personal Visits
Sunday A.M.	210	yes		1	
P.M.	338	yes		4	
Monday	325	yes		1	12
Tuesday	309	yes		2	2
Wednesday	285	yes		0	6
Thursday	315	yes	1	1	17
Friday	306	yes	1	19	15
Saturday	48(youth)	yes	1	2	2
Sunday A.M.	229	no		0	
P.M.	351	yes		16	8
Totals	2716	9	3	46	62

Finances:

Total offerings received .....$ 160.78.

Total local expenses .....$ 20.00. janitor

*Contribution to Evangelistic Fund .....$ 140.78 (one)

Other expenses .....$ _____.

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Date: November 3, 1958 Report completed by: John R. Chambers

ALL-ALASKA EVANGELISTIC PREACHING MISSION

UTKEAGVIK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BARROW, ALASKA

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Preparation: The first Wednesday of October we put out a prayer calandar enlisting prayer support for the meetings. The week and a half before the meetings began the elders called on every home in the community. George Johnson made signs and posted them in the stores and other public places in the community. The Sunday before the meetings started the morning message sought to challenge the people to invite and encourage eachother to attend.

After Charles Hoffmeister's arrival on Saturday (His plane was three hours late because of 30 mph cross winds at the base. It looked as though it would turn back to Fairbanks from Umiat instead of coming on to Barrow) we made the final plans for the content of the services. Charles brought a number of pictures of mission work in Mexico which we decided to split up for each of the week-night services. They helped quite a bit in keeping attendance up.

Evaluation of the meetings: As the week went on they gathered momentum with climaxing services on Friday and Sunday evenings. From the very first Chuck's messages were well received. He adapted himself redily to speaking with an interpreter. Chuck came with great enthusiasm and drive which was greatly appreciated. He was eager to get out among the people and got into as many homes in a week as I did in the first month here.

Each evening at the end of the service a simple invitation to receive Christ or to come and receive help with the Christian Life was given. Usually none came until the thrid or fourth verce of the hymn. When they came it was something deliberate. Most of the ones coming forward came to confess drinking or immorality. Some were concerned because they did not feel as close to the Lord as they wanted to. Some of the older folks came to ask prayer for one or more of their children who were living lives of sin. There was no pressure exerted to get people to make decisions so I feel that every one coming came because of genuine sense of need.

Follow - up plans: In the next two weeks I will call personally on everyone who came forward. Each of the elders dealing with the seekers will visit the persons they spoke to in about three weeks to encourage them. A communicants class will begin November 12 for those fifteen years old and above conducted by Samuel Simmonds. Two of the ones coming forward were not members. We also are encouraging all others who are not members to attend these classes.

Suggestion: This year for the first time the Utkeagvik Church used a theme song: Let The Beauty of Jesus Be Seen In Me. Samuel translated it so we sang it each evening in English and Inupiat. The Wednesday after the meetings were over they sang it in prayer meeting. I think this chorus will often be on the lips and going up in prayer because it will remind the people of the blessings of these services. I suggest that the other churches use a similar chorus or song in future. years.

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Department of Work in Alaska
156 Fifth Avenue
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Fourth Evangelistic Mission to Alaska
October 16 to 30, 1958

Place: Wrangell, Alaska

Missionary-Pastor: Donald A. Schwab

Visiting Minister: Dr. Jay Luman Bush

Where Entertained: Schwab's How Financed

Services:	Attendance	Public Invitation	Professions	Rededications	Personal Visits
Sunday A.M.	135				
Reception	100				4
P.M.	55				
Monday	40				6
Wrg. Institut.	32				
Tuesday	52				6
High School Assem.	75		1		4
Wednesday	42				
Thursday	41				8
Friday	125				6
Saturday	--				5
Wrg. Inst.	32				
Sunday A.M.	85		2	71	7
P.M.	--				3
Totals	81 4		3	71	41

Finances:

Total offerings received .....$ 43.00.

Total local expenses .....$ 33.78.

*Contribution to Evangelistic Fund .....$ 10.00. 10/31/58 Ew

Other expenses .....$.

Narrative re: preparation for services; evaluation of Mission; recommendation for future, etc. (write on reverse side or attach sheet).

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* Original with contribution to Evangelistic Fund to Dept. of Work in Alaska
Copy to the Rev. Brian H. Cleworth, Box 2539, Juneau, Alaska for future study;
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Date: 10/27-58 Report completed by: Donald A. Schwab

The coming of Dr. Bush to Wrangell was a great spiritual blessing. Preparation for his coming was made thru publicity in the press, through personal invitations, and through 2 local mailings to all of our members, and occasional attendants.

In spite of the fact that we had a Japanese ship in the entire week, with many of our men longshoring; and despite the fact that many of our members were out hunting and fishing to lay away their winter's meat (an obcession that almost becomes a religion at times) we had an excellent response, in both interest and attendance.

Our Sunday service on the 19th was planned with a reception and Coffee Hour, with a very cordial response. The Sunday evening service was general. The Monday night service, while open to all was directed to every church officer and Sunday School teacher, with the emphasis on their job in the church. We arranged for Dr. Bush to speak at the high school assembly. (This would have been a sermon <u>if</u> a text had been used). The response on the part of the young people and the teachers was excellent. The Sup't (not a church member) stated that this was just what they needed!

Many people commented that they were "afraid to miss a single service because they were so helpful, that they would be the loser." Several phone calls last night came to my attention because there was a rumor that we would no longer have speakers in the future from the other 48 states, and the people were emphatic that this was very much needed, and that they definitely wanted them continued.

I have a lot of "follow up" that will be needed in connection with the decision cards that we used, and it will be at least a month before I will know the number of people who will be coming into the church as members. We will feel the results of this meeting all through the church year!